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To: Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

Subject: Environmental Assessment for Development of an Option Analyzed and Presented in
The Park City and Snyderville Basin Water Supply Study Special Report

In March 2006, the Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office distributed to the interested public a special report analyzing water supply options that might provide for future Municipal and Industrial water supplies for the Park City and Snyderville Basin area of Summit County, Utah. This report was completed as directed and authorized by the U.S. Congress; Reclamation was the lead agency in preparing this report with the Utah Division of Water Resources contributing to the study effort.

As a follow-up to the special report, the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District (WBWCD) has recently requested that Reclamation proceed with analyses related to the development of Option 7 as analyzed in the study. Option 7 in the special report is the "Lost Creek Canyon Pipeline" option, which would deliver 5,000 acre-feet per year from the Weber River via a new diversion in or near the Rockport Reservoir and the existing Lost Creek Canyon Pipeline. This option would involve adding an intake or diversion structure, a pump station and pipelines, in or near the inlet to Rockport Reservoir, as well as additional new facilities necessary to convey water to Park City and other water providers in the Snyderville Basin.

In order to analyze this proposed action, Reclamation will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Council on Environmental Quality and the Department of the Interior regulations implementing NEPA. The EA will analyze the potential impacts of the proposed action. As required by the NEPA implementing regulations, if potentially significant impacts to the human environment are identified, an environmental impact statement will be prepared. If no significant impacts are identified, Reclamation will issue a Finding of No Significant Impact.

This letter begins the process of preparing the aforementioned EA. Its purpose is to give notice of the proposed action and invite interested parties to comment on the EA's scope of analysis, or raise specific issues that they feel should be analyzed in the EA. This letter is being sent to over 100 municipalities, organizations or agencies, which might have interest in the proposed action.

Comments may be provided to Reclamation until Friday, September 1, 2006. Written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: Ms. Beverley Heffernan, PRO-770, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606-7317. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to bheffernan@uc.usbr.gov.

At the conclusion of the scoping period, a draft EA will be prepared and mailed to the interested public for review and comment. If you need further information, please contact Mr. Kerry Schwartz at 801-379-1150.

Sincerely,

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